Respect the Constitution of the United States…but do not fear its language. Treat it is as an operating manual for a powerful machine. Read the questions below. Read the operating manual and use it to answer the questions. *Cite the source of your answers* (informal, not MLA format).

1. Jack Stone was arrested and charged with armed robbery of the Washington Bank. The police explained to Stone that there was DNA evidence linking him to the crime scene. Therefore, the police decided that there was no need to provide Stone with counsel (an attorney or lawyer). Before his trial, he was held in prison for two years. What are Stone’s rights, as indicated in the Constitution?

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1. In September, 2015, the United States Congress will consider legislation that mandates (orders) all American citizens convert to and join the Church of The Almighty Power. What does the Constitution say about this impending Act of Congress.

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1. President Obama has signed a new executive order stating that all persons who wish to purchase and own a gun must first meet the three following criteria:
   1. Undergo a background check
   2. Register the gun
   3. Submit to random searches for ammunition

Is this executive order constitutional?

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1. What is an executive order? What does the president need from the Senate when exercising “executive” power?

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1. In 2010, the United States Congress passed the Affordable Care Act, which was then signed by President Obama into law. Despite two challenges to the law, the United States Supreme Court on both occasions held that this Act of Congress is constitutional. State leadership in Texas believes the law to be unconstitutional and has sued in federal court claiming that this Act of Congress violates the sovereignty of Texas to regulate commerce within its borders. Using your knowledge of the Supremacy Clause, how should the Supreme Court rule in the case?

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1. A group of seniors and juniors at Boys’ Latin School decided to publish a satirical newspaper mocking their experiences at school. Published only on Saturdays, and in the homes of two of the seniors, the articles started out light and fun. After a particularly bad week, one of the writers wrote an article for the newspaper criticizing the history teacher, calling him, among other things, a “nincompoop.” A copy of the newspaper was found at school. The principal, assistant principal, and the deans of the eleventh and twelfth grade are deciding what punishment to hand out. Does the school have grounds to punish the seniors and juniors for their actions?

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1. In 1803, the United States Supreme Court decided *Marbury vs. Madison*. Chief Justice John Marshall, writing for the majority, stated, “It is emphatically the province and duty of the judicial department to say what the law is.” Thus was born the idea of Judicial Review. What is judicial review?

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Where is Judicial Review addressed in the Constitution?

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1. Three-fifths Compromise. Explain.

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1. It is 2016. You are the senior political advisor to a presidential candidate. Explain to this person the steps one must complete in order to be *elected* President of the United States.

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1. Should the United States abolish the Electoral College? Explain your reasoning.

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